2026 TOWN ELECTIONS

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What experiences and perspectives would you contribute to Town Meeting?

I ask questions because I try to make informed and careful decisions on behalf of the people I represent.

-5 terms as Vice President and President of Middle and High School Parent-Faculty Associations
-26 years as member of Town Meeting
-9 years (3 terms) on Finance Committee
-Co-chair, Traffic and Transportation Advisory Committee
-Founding Board Member Wright-Locke Farm Conservancy
-FinCom representative to Personnel Board and Capital Committee
-Long time advocate for walking and bicycling and of open space for recreation.
-Former owner of a successful business that provided training to senior state and local officials across the country
-Poll Warden for many years

What are two or three issues facing Winchester that you think are most important and what are your positions on them?

Three key issues are:

-The rate of growth in taxes and fees
-The rate of productivity and quality improvement in town services and education
-The allocation between capital spending and operating spending

I believe are growth rate should be in 4-5 % range supported by periodic modest overrides. I think productivity improvements in the 1-2 % range is achievable year over year and should be a consistent source of additional capacity. And I think at least in the near future we should be allocating a proportionately increasing percentage of spending to capital as a
realize productivity improvements and maximize the useful life of our

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assets. I know that quality can be improved by careful measurement, error reduction and clear improvement goals. There is no reason why Winchester can not become the best managed little town in America - we are already doing quite well.

What is a special challenge in your precinct that might not be faced in other precincts?
We need to be sure that Muraco gets rebuild to appropriate standards in a reasonable timeframe.

Why should voters elect you to represent them?
Town meeting is the legislature of the town. I contribute to the balancing of our interests by learning about the issues as they arise, asking questions to help all of us truly deliberate, and ultimately making a call as I see it on any given issue. I enjoy the role and am thankful and humbled by the opportunities.

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With override rejected, Winchester shifts from campaigning to budget planning

After Winchester voters rejected an $11.5 million Proposition 2 1/2 override on Election Day, March 21, the governing question in town has shifted from persuasion to arithmetic. Select Board member Bill McGonigle, who served on the Yes for Winchester campaign, said the defeat has changed how he approaches

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Winchester ZBA waives town regulations to move Washington/Swanton project along

Town officials have approved waivers of regulations for a residential/commercial development project at Washington and Swanton streets. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on March 19 approved the waivers for a 40B project at 278-292 Washington St. and 12 and 16-20 Swanton St. in a special meeting preceding a

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Network for Social Justice to celebrate 35th anniversary

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: The Network For Social Justice turns 35 this spring! There will be a celebration on Saturday, April 11, from 7-9:30 p.m., at the Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester. Connect with your local friends and neighbors as

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Winchester Community Music School presents Jazz Jam Session

The following was submitted by the Winchester Community Music School: On Saturday, March 28, join the community at Winchester Community Music School, 407 Highland Ave., for a Jazz Jam Session, an afternoon of fun, spontaneous jazz playing, beginning at 3 p.m. Instrumentalists and vocalists of all skill levels are

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